



## City of Santa Fe Office of Emergency Management Weekly Brief

**July 7, 2014 – July 13, 2014**

### **Planned Events** (Events/large gatherings with a potential impact to public safety)

- **International Folk Art Market Community Celebration** (Thursday, 7/10 5:00pm-9:00pm): Thousands are expected to sample international music, food, and art (and a Japanese kite launch) at the [Santa Fe Railyard Park](#) to kick off the 2014 International Folk Art Market.
- **Santa Fe International Folk Art Market** (Friday, 7/11 6:30pm-9:00pm; Saturday 7/12-Sunday, 7/13 9:00am-5:00pm): 20,000 people are expected to attend this three-day art market, the largest international folk art market in the world, taking place on Museum Hill ([CLICK HERE](#) for parking and shuttle info, no parking at the Market itself).
- **ART Santa Fe** (Thursday, 7/10 5:00pm-8:00pm; Friday, 7/11-Sunday, 7/13 11:00am-6:00pm): Over 1,000 visitors are expected to attend this four-day contemporary and international art fair at the [Santa Fe Community Convention Center](#).
- **Santa Fe Opera Performances** (Wednesday, 7/9, Friday, 7/11 & Saturday, 7/12. 6:00pm-11:30pm): Performances draw 2,100 people to the Opera several times each week through the end of August.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for a comprehensive list of events and activities in Santa Fe this week.

### **Weather Outlook for the City of Santa Fe** (Overview of the week's forecast and anticipated weather hazards)

- Daytime high temperatures are expected to be in the mid-80s all week and through the weekend. Overnight lows around 60 degrees.
- A chance of rain or thunderstorms exists every day this week, with the greatest chance coming Tuesday and Wednesday.
- [CLICK HERE](#) for current weather information and 7-day forecast.

### **Exercises** (Emergency/disaster drills and exercises to prepare The City of Santa Fe for real-world incidents)

- There are no exercises scheduled in Santa Fe this week.

**Training Opportunities** (Register for most these free courses at [www.preparingnewmexico.org](http://www.preparingnewmexico.org). All classes are open to anyone who is interested unless a specific audience is indicated; check each course description for any pre-requisites. Free on-line emergency management and response courses are also available from FEMA at <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all> )

**Social Media for Natural Disaster Response and Recovery (PER-304):** This free 1-day course offered in Albuquerque on [July 29<sup>th</sup>](#) and [July 30<sup>th</sup>](#) defines social media and its uses and identifies the tools, methods, and models to properly make use of social media in the context of disaster management and provides the information and hands-on experience necessary to help the participants' social media disaster plans. **A great opportunity to learn more about social media for EVERY City Department with a presence on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social media platforms.**

**2014 Homeland Security and Emergency Management Conference** (August 15-18, 2014; Albuquerque): [Registration is now open](#) for this annual conference, which encourage interaction for exchanging ideas and promoting collaboration to protect the lives and property of those we served by the homeland security enterprise. This event will bring together law enforcement and fire personnel, as well as federal, state and local government officials from various agencies involved in emergency management.



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### Major Infrastructure Projects (Road closures, anticipated utility disruptions, facility closures, etc.)

- Varying levels of fire restrictions are in effect throughout New Mexico. Visit [FireRestrictions.us](http://FireRestrictions.us) for the latest information on fire restrictions.
- [Water restrictions](#) (non-emergency) went into effect on May 1. Residents must also adhere to [all water use restrictions](#) to help conserve water and avoid water use violation fees.
- Visit [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) for more information on road work or closures state-wide.

### Emergency Operations and Planning (Emergency Operations Center activations and major planning initiative updates)

- The City of Santa Fe Office of Emergency Management is currently at Level IV Operations: Steady State (maintaining situational awareness, no Emergency Operations Center personnel activation).
- The Office of Emergency Management is beginning revisions to the City's Emergency Operations Plan. The Kick-Off Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> (Invitation Only).

### Weekly Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Tip (One thing you can do to prepare for or prevent an emergency)

Summer is upon us, and hopefully you will get to spend some time out of town, or possibly out of the country, exploring this planet of ours. Below are some important fire safety tips for hotel stays, especially when traveling outside of the US:

- Check if your hotel is complete with smoke alarms or detectors and sprinklers when you book your reservation. Many countries have different regulations and procedures related to fire safety in establishments.
- Request a room on one of the lower floors to get easy access or routes to exits in the event of an emergency. Most fire department ladder trucks can't reach above the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Read the fire instructions posted in your room and locate the nearest fire exit.
- Before you unpack, assess your room and read all the safety information available. Remember to check fire safety equipment such as smoke detectors and sprinkler systems. An evacuation diagram should be available for you to read.
- Use the stairs the first time you exit your hotel so you are familiar with them in case of an emergency.
- If you feel like your hotel may not be safe, find a different place to stay!

### This Week in Disaster History (A look back at disasters that have shaped today's preparedness climate)

- July 11, 1997: [A fire at the 17-storey Royal Jomtien Resort Hotel](#) in Pattaya, Thailand killed 90 people and injured dozens more. The blaze, which burned for more than 12 hours before being extinguished, began in a coffee shop on the hotel's first floor before racing through the 450-room hotel.

**Lessons learned:** This tragedy underscores the importance of situational awareness when traveling, especially overseas where building and fire codes may not be as stringent (or effective) as they are in the US. Investigations into this fire revealed there were no smoke alarms or fire sprinklers in this hotel, and survivors report not receiving any type of warning that their hotel was on fire. Check out this week's Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Tip for thoughts and ideas about international hotel safety. The manager of the coffee shop where the fire began [was arrested and charged with negligence](#), stating that he had mistakenly opened a gas valve near an oven, causing the explosion.

For updates and information throughout the week, be sure to [follow us on Twitter](#) and [like us on Facebook](#)!

#### Register for emergency updates:

- Nixle: <http://www.nixle.com/>

- Santa Fe 911 Notifications: <https://santafe911.onthealert.com/Terms/Index/?ReturnUrl=%2f>